

REMARKS

Amendments

Claims 1 and 14 are amended to recite that Y¹¹ and Y¹² are each F and Y¹³ is H. See, e.g., formula Ic (page 4, lines 1-6). New claims 36 and 37 are similar to the previous versions of claims 1 and 14, respectively, except that R¹ is defined as alkenyl having 2 to 7 carbon atoms or alkenyloxy having 2 to 7 carbon atoms. New claims 26-35 are directed to further aspects of applicants claimed invention. See, e.g., page 3, lines 9-16, page 15, lines 5-11,

Rejection Under 35 USC §102(b) in view of JP 11-158,138

Claims 14 and 24-25 are rejected as allegedly being anticipated in view of JP '138. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The rejection refers to the formula (I) of JP '138. This formula does not describe compound wherein the phenylene ring to the left of the -COO- group has one lateral fluoro substituent and a phenylene ring to the right of the -COO- group which has two fluoro substituents. See formula (I) at column 1. See also formulas A-C at column 2. In addition, the left wing group in formula (I) is RO wherein R is an alkyl group having 1 to 7 carbon atoms. Similarly, in formulas A-C the left wing group R^a is alkyl.

JP '138 does not disclose or suggest a compound in accordance with applicants' claims 14 and 37. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103 in view of JP 09-157,654 and JP 11-158,138

Claims 1-13 and 15-23 are rejected as allegedly being obvious 14 is rejected as allegedly being anticipated in view of JP 09-157,654. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the rejection, it is acknowledged that JP '654 does not disclose a display device containing a compound of applicants' formula (I). However, it is asserted that it would be obvious to modify the composition of JP '654 to include a compound of formula (I) of JP '138.


Even if motivation existed to make such a modification, as discussed above, JP '138 does not disclose or suggest a compound in accordance with applicants' formula (I) as recited in the claims.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that JP '654, taken alone or

in combination, fails to render obvious any of applicants' claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



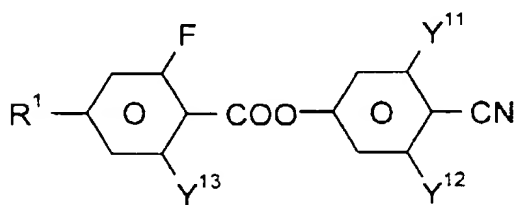
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Abstract

A liquid-crystalline medium of positive dielectric anisotropy suitable for use in ~~The invention relates to~~ an electro-optical liquid-crystal display having a realignment layer, for realigning the liquid crystals, whose field has a component parallel to the liquid-crystal layer which is crucial for the realignment, ~~containing a liquid-crystalline medium of positive dielectric anisotropy, where the medium~~ comprises at least one mesogenic compound and at least one compound of the formula I



in which the substituents are as defined herein ~~in Claim 1~~.